

TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

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2021 MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE – INFORMATION SHEET

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

- Any member of the Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit who is current with the ensemble donations, trip costs and financial responsibilities for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year
- Any student in the Instrumental Music Program who is current with ensemble donations, trip costs, and other financial responsibilities for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year
- Spots permitting, any alumni who has graduated from the THHS Instrumental Music Program
- Since there will be a maximum on the number of participants, priority will be given to those students who will be enrolled in the THHS Instrumental Music Program for the 2021-2022 school year
- All participants are financially responsible for the cost of the entire trip, and must submit timely payments according to the payment schedule below

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

- Although the itinerary may change as the date draws closer, the tentative itinerary is shown below
 - “No schedule is sacred and is always subject to change”
- Dates, times and locations will change as events are finalized throughout the coming year
- Trip costs will include all events listed in the itinerary, except personal incidentals

FALL 2021 SEASON & MACY'S PARADE REHEARSALS

- The Trabuco Hills High School Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit will continue to compete in WBA & CSBC competitions during the Fall 2021 Season
- The Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit will not attend the 2021 Western Band Association Championships (WBA), which will be held the week before Thanksgiving
- Rehearsals during the Fall 2021 Season will be dedicated to either the Field Show or Macy's Parade
 - The dates, times and focus will be posted to the calendar on the THHS Music website
- Since there will be a limited number of rehearsals for the Macy's Parade, all participants will be **required** to attend these rehearsals dedicated to the Macy's Parade
 - The projected rehearsals dedicated to the Macy's Parade will be two Saturdays each month, starting July 2021 through November 2021
 - There will also be 2-3 rehearsals for the Macy's Parade during the week of November 15, 2021

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- The rehearsal schedule for the Macy's Parade will be posted in early 2021, after SVUSD has published the official district calendar, and after WBA and CSBC has published their tentative show schedule for Fall 2021 Season

PARTICIPANT COSTS

- The estimated total cost per participant is \$1920-\$2020
 - Participants will stay at the Hampton Inn Manhattan/Times Square Central
 - The cost range is due to the need to finalize the tentative itinerary:
 - Broadway show, which cannot be booked until nine months out, cost varies dependent on show availability and show selection
 - Flight, which cannot be booked until eleven months out, cost varies dependent on airline carrier, time of day and any group rates available
 - Possibility of activities on the morning of Friday, November 26, 2021
- Included in the trip cost are the following items:
 - Airfare to and from New York City
 - Transportation to and from all events on the itinerary
 - Meals and activities as indicated on the itinerary
 - Commemorative spiritwear for each participant
 - Ground transportation to and from LAX
 - Cost of cross-country transportation of instruments, uniforms, guard equipment, supporting infrastructure for the trip
 - All instruments and equipment will be loaded on the truck Tuesday, November 23, 2021 after the Macy's Parade Rehearsal that day. Note: These items will not be checked as luggage on the flight to New York City.
 - The cost to check one bag each way.

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Participant payment schedule for eligible 2020-2021 THHS students and any alumni:

DESCRIPTION	CASH/CHECK	PAYPAL (3% added)	DUE
Payment #1*	\$400	\$412	09/01/20
Payment #2	\$400	\$412	12/01/20
Payment #3	\$400	\$412	03/01/21
Payment #4	\$400	\$412	06/01/21
Payment #5 – Final**	Balance due	Balance due + 3%	09/01/21

* Includes a non-refundable \$100 deposit

** Final trip costs currently estimated at \$1920-\$2020; actual to be announced when available

- Participant payment schedule for eligible 2021-2022 THHS freshmen students:

DESCRIPTION	CASH/CHECK	PAYPAL (3% added)	DUE
Payment #1*	\$400	\$412	09/01/20
Payment #2	\$400	\$412	12/01/20
Payment #3	\$400	\$412	03/01/21
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Payment #5 – Final**	Balance due	Balance due + 3%	09/01/21

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PAYMENT METHODS

- Checks made payable to THHS Music Boosters
 - To assist the team in the proper application and administration for the trip, please write separate checks for all payments for the Macy's Parade
 - Do not combine with any other checks made to the THHS Music Boosters
 - Please include the name of the participant on the check
 - Please indicate the names of the Family & Friends, if applicable (see below)
- PayPal, which can be found on the Macy's Parade page on the THHS Music website
 - Please note the participant's name in the comments field
 - **You must add an additional 3% to the payment to cover transaction fees**
- Venmo and Zelle are not available payment options

CANCELLATION PENALTY SCHEDULE

- Our goal is for all participants to be able to attend the trip. However, situations arise and we understand there may be a need to cancel participation on the trip.
- Some deposits and money paid to vendors cannot be recouped after a certain date. As such, here is the penalty schedule for cancellation after specific points in time:

DATE	PENALTY
After 09/01/20	\$100 deposit per person
After 12/01/20	\$100 deposit + 20% per person
After 03/01/21	\$100 deposit + 50% per person
After 06/01/21	\$100 deposit + 80% per person
After 09/01/21	100% per person

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SPECIAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- If special travel arrangements need to be made for the family, please contact thhsmacys2021@gmail.com and let the committee know what those needs may be
 - We will do our best to work with the tour company to facilitate personal requests
- For families who plan to extend their stay in New York City and wish to have their student depart later than the group on Friday, please contact thhsmacys2021@gmail.com and let the committee know
 - Parents will be solely responsible for checking out their student from the hotel on Friday morning prior to the group's departure from the hotel that day
 - Students will not be allowed to be checked out at any other time or by any other person than the parent indicated to the committee at thhsmacys2021@gmail.com
- Due to group airline bookings, frequent flyer points cannot be used as payment for any participant or any Family & Friends member through the tour company
- TSA Precheck and Global Entry numbers, if applicable, for all travelers will be requested prior to booking flights in December 2020

FUNDRAISERS

- The Music Boosters plans to organize fundraisers with the hopes of reducing the costs of the trip for everyone, and we will need your help!!
- If there are contacts for corporate outreach or any new fundraising ideas, please reach out to the committee and the team will follow-up on those possible options
- Email thhsmacys2021@gmail.com with fundraising suggestions and lend your expertise and / or contacts to benefit all participants
- Fundraising details and events will be communicated to all families when they become available
- It is encouraged that every family participates in any and all fundraising activities that will be offered
- Additionally, please assist in spreading the word regarding any fundraising opportunities to our local community and beyond

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Unfortunately, scholarships will not be available through the Music Boosters

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OTHER

- Students will self-medicate unless otherwise requested. Please notify the committee if medication needs to be refrigerated.
- Please notify the committee of any dietary restrictions, proper arrangements can be made
- Travel insurance is optional. The tour company recommends <http://insuremytrip.com>
- Audition Ensembles (Color Guard & Percussion Ensemble): For students in ensembles that require an audition to become a member, we understand that there might be some hesitation on the payments for this trip. Students who work hard, maintain a positive attitude, maintain good grades and have stellar attendance for rehearsals, camps and clinics will be invited as a member for the 2021-2022 school year.

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PARENT CHAPERONES

- Adults who are interested in being a chaperone should inform the Macy's Committee as soon as possible by sending an email to thhsmacys2021@gmail.com
- The committee will notify those who are selected as chaperones. Due to limited spots, priority will be given to those parents who have students in the Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Chaperones must commit to the entire trip, which includes flying with the group on both legs of the flight, accompanying the participants at all times, staying at the same hotel as the participants and attending all events and activities with the participants (typically 10-15 chaperones required)
- Chaperone responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, uniforms, escorting students within the hotel, escorting students while walking in the city, scheduled nightly room checks, and supporting the group in any other manner as deemed necessary. A significant amount of walking will be required. Chaperones must be able to handle the winter weather conditions for New York City during November.
- Chaperones are financially responsible for the cost of the entire trip and must adhere to the payment schedule set forth
- The chaperone cost assumes quadruple occupancy and individuals will be adjusted as necessary to accommodate any room arrangement other than quad occupancy in a double/double room.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- See Above: Chaperones must adhere to the same payment and cancellation schedules as participants.

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FAMILY & FRIENDS PROGRAM

- Family, Friends and other supporters who are not chaperones will be traveling separate from the Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit
- The tour company does offer a “Family & Friends” program
 - This is a mini tour package available for members who are not chaperones, but still wish to travel to New York City
- Priority will be given to immediate family members based on the maximum trip capacity
- Airfare is not included in this mini tour package, but may be available for an additional charge.
- Please contact thhsmacys2021@gmail.com to be put on the interest list for the limited Friends & Family airfare block
 - Checked baggage fees will not be included in this airfare block
 - The airfare block will have a similar travel itinerary as the participants, but travel with the participants cannot be guaranteed

FAMILY & FRIENDS PROGRAM COST

- The mini tour package for Family & Friends will include the following:
 - 5 night hotel accommodations at Hotel Edison (separate from the marching unit)
 - 5 breakfast buffets each morning at the hotel (Monday-Friday)
 - Required hotel portage
 - Admission to the Family Thanksgiving Dinner & Dance Celebration Thanksgiving Cruise on Thursday, November 25, 2021
 - This includes round-trip coach transfers (hotel-pier-hotel)
 - This activity will be with the participants

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- The estimated cost as of July 2020 is shown below. This price is subject to change based on the total number of participants in the Family & Friends Program. Air transportation is not included in this cost.

TOTAL COST	GUESTS PER ROOM	COST PER GUEST	ROOM ARRANGEMENTS
\$2,768	4	\$692	Queen / Queen
\$2,286	3	\$762	Queen / Queen
\$1,802	2	\$901	Queen / Queen
\$1,688	2	\$844	King
\$1,251	1	\$1251	Queen

FAMILY & FRIENDS PROGRAM A LA CARTE OPTIONS

- As an added benefit, the tour company offers Family & Friends additional options to be added to the mini tour package. This optional items are as follows:
 - Broadway Show on Tuesday, November 23, 2021
 - Estimated \$135-175 per ticket
 - This will be the same show as the participants, but seating will be separate
 - Full day NYC Guided Coach / Walking / Subway "Get Acquainted" Tour on Wednesday, November 24, 2021
 - \$95 per person; under 4 years old is at no charge
 - This tour will not be with the participants
 - Central Park Walking tour, Museum Mile, Apollo Theater (from the outside)
 - Financial District walking tour, Wall Street, The Bull, St Paul's Chapel
 - National 9/11 Memorial Museum at the World Trade Center
 - Subway Ride from World Trade Center to Times Square

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- Broadway Show on Wednesday, November 24, 2021
 - Estimated \$135-175 per ticket
 - This will be an option for an additional Broadway show
- Additional hotel stays for Friday, November 26, 2021 or Saturday, November 27, 2021
 - Estimated \$275 per additional night and does not include breakfast

FAMILY & FRIENDS PROGRAM PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- The Family & Friends Program payment schedule will be similar to that of the THHS students and alumni participants

DESCRIPTION	CASH/CHECK	PAYPAL (3% added)	DUE
Payment #1*	\$100 + 40% of total	(\$100+40% of total) + 3%	09/01/20
Payment #2	20% of total	20% of total + 3%	12/01/20
Payment #3	15% of total	15% of total + 3%	03/01/21
Payment #4	10% of total	10% of total + 3%	06/01/21
Payment #5 - Final	Balance due	Balance due + 3%	09/01/21

** Includes a non-refundable \$100 deposit*

THANKSGIVING DINNER CRUISE FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS NOT PARTICIPATING IN MINI PACKAGE

- For those who are not chaperones and are not enrolled in the Family & Friends Program, there is also an opportunity to join the group for the Family Thanksgiving Dinner & Dance Celebration Thanksgiving Cruise on Thursday, November 25, 2021 - only if there is room on the cruise ship
- Cost is \$130 per person
- Includes the dinner cruise only and no transfers
- Guests are responsible for getting to and from Pier 15 at their own expense
- This option is pending availability after February 01, 2021

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***** MUST BE TURNED IN WITH FIRST PAYMENT *****

I, _____ (name of parent or guardian), give permission for my student(s), _____ to participate in the Trabuco Hills High School Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Trip on November 21 - 26, 2021.

I understand that I am financially responsible for the \$100 non-refundable hard commitment deposit requirement (per each participant and traveling family member) by September 01, 2020, and that all required subsequent trip payments must be paid timely and outright, or fundraised through the opportunities presented throughout the year by the Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Program. **All chaperones must be approved by the Committee.** Contact thhsmacys2020@gmail.com. I also understand the payment schedule and cancellation policy and agree to abide by them.

Mark (S)tudent, (C)haperone, or (F)amily member. Total deposit included: \$ _____

	S/C/F	NAME (print legibly)	EMAIL ADDRESS (print legibly)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

____ Cash _____ Check Number _____ PayPal (Must include additional 3%. Attach proof of payment)

Parent Signature _____

Parent Phone # _____

Date _____

**Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit * Color Guard * Percussion Ensemble * Jazz Ensembles
Symphony Orchestra * Electric Strings * Wind Ensemble * Symphonic Band * Pep Band**